

Q, a driveable crop conveying element having at least a portion thereof that [is moveable] moves upwardly and rearwardly between the cutting zone and the nip to convey crop cut by the cutting assembly toward the nip when the element is driven.

Q, 4/5 (Amended) A crop harvesting header as claimed in claim 3, [said crop cutting assembly including a series of rotary cutters rotatable about individual, upright axes,] each outboard cutter section including a first cutter and an inwardly spaced second cutter, said plurality of impeller cages including a first impeller cage mounted to the first cutter for rotational movement therewith, a second impeller cage mounted to the second cutter for rotational movement therewith, and an intermediate impeller cage suspended from the header framework between the first and second impeller cages.

Q, 12/13 (Amended) In a [A] crop harvesting machine having a mobile frame, the improvement comprising:

Q, a crop cutting assembly [defining] comprising a series of rotary cutters that are rotatable about individual, upright axes and that cooperatively define a laterally extending cutting zone along which crop material is severed from the ground by the cutting assembly;

a pair of laterally extending crop conditioning rolls cooperatively defining a nip therebetween that is spaced upwardly and rearwardly from the cutting zone; and

Q3 a driveable crop conveying element having at least a portion thereof that [is moveable]
moves upwardly and rearwardly between the cutting zone and the nip to convey crop
cut by the cutting assembly toward the nip when the element is driven.

In line 1 of claim 15, please replace the first word "A" with the words --In a--.

In line 1 of claim 16, please replace the first word "A" with the words --In a--.

Q4 1/5 ~~15~~. (Amended) In a [A] crop harvesting machine as claimed in claim ~~16~~ ^{1/4},
[said crop cutting assembly including a series of rotary cutters rotatable about individual,
upright axes,]
each outboard cutter section including a first cutter and an inwardly spaced second cutter,
said plurality of impeller cages including a first impeller cage mounted to the first cutter for
rotational movement therewith, a second impeller cage mounted to the second cutter
for rotational movement therewith, and an intermediate impeller cage suspended
from the framework between the first and second impeller cages.

In line 1 of claim 18, please replace the first word "A" with the words --In a--.

In line 1 of claim 19, please replace the first word "A" with the words --In a--.

In line 1 of claim 20, please replace the first word "A" with the words --In a--.